

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP at HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We're glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We thank you for joining us in worship and pray that our time together is a blessing to you. And.... please join us for our weekly fellowship brunch after worship. There's always plenty and you are very welcome. If you are looking for a faith community, we would be pleased to have you call HVLC your "church home".

PRELUDE AND RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *

L Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

C **We gather as a people of Hope.**

L Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

C **Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.**

L As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

C **We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

(Lighting of the Candle of Hope)

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Long-expected God,

- C** we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. **Amen.**
- P** God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Hark, the Glad Sound"*

HYMN 239

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (setting 4 pp 147-148)



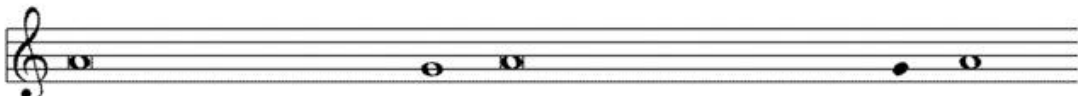
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



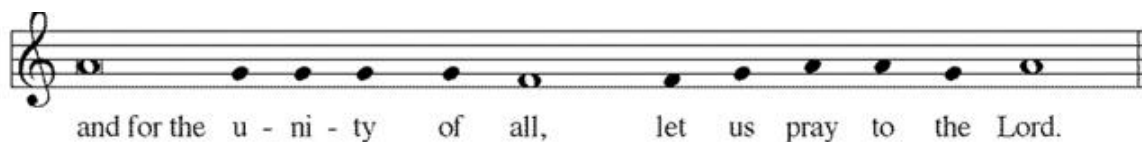
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 122 (*read responsively*)

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**
“May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,**
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”
refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(please stand as you are able)*



Al-le - lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter-nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” **HYMN 254**

APOSTLES CREED (*please stand as you are able*)

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come

again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** *(please share Christ's peace with one another)*

OFFERING

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*”

HYMN 686

C **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice in you and look signs of your kingdom come.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** God of grace **C** **hear our prayer**
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Evelyn** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Tom** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Alan** (G), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika**

(Perry), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Irene** (Thorson), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty, Bill, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Jay, and Laurie.**
C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

P May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P Let us pray together the table blessing.
C Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

SENDING HYMN “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” **HYMN 257 v1-4**

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Keep awake.
C Thanks be to God!!!

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (Nov 30th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou
Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Cheryl Larson

Advent Candle: Sund Family

Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (Dec 7th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou
Plummer

Reader: Jim Vogel

Advent Candle: Jan Shusta

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Readings for next week (December 7th)

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

*From David's line, a ruler bringing
justice and peace*

[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

Live in harmony, welcoming one another

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

*A voice cries: Prepare the way of the
Lord*

Secret Santa time is upon us. We are collecting money for a family in need this Christmas time. There are cans at each entrance to the sanctuary and in the fellowship area. Checks are also welcome with Secret Santa in the memo line. We are asking that the donations be made by December 7th. Thank you.

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**The 2025 Advent Daily Devotions booklet is available both in hard copy and digital format. Written by Door and Kewaunee County clergy, the daily devotions are offered to shed light on God's plan of sending us a Messiah. The theme: *In Days of Old, In Various Ways...God Spoke*. Each devotion features a text from an Old Testament prophet, and a text that connects the prophetic text to the Messiah.**

**Hard copies of the booklets can be found on the table at each entrance to the sanctuary. A digital format of the booklet can be accessed at <https://dcadventdevos2025.blogspot.com/>. May the devotions add wisdom to our anticipation of Jesus' birth. Enjoy!**

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This Saturday, December 6th, we will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season. Many hands are needed for this big job. Please help.

Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. **NEW** there are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.



On the table by each entrance to the sanctuary you will find several things:

1. The current Christ in our Home
2. Brick order forms
3. The current directory
4. The current newsletter
5. The Wired Word for that week. **Note this is new.** These copies will be on the table each week for you to read and contemplate.

Stewardship Opportunities 11/ 30-12/7

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K.

Week at a glance Nov 30-Dec 7

Tuesday Book Club at Noon

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Saturday Decorate church 9:00

Saturday Family Choir 11:00

Birthdays in December

Dec 6 th	Sandra Swagel
Dec 7 th	Luke Brown
	Daylia Sund
Dec 11 th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12 th	David Grunwald
	Emily Hanson
Dec 13 th	Bill Nusbaum
Dec 15 th	Jeff Espe
Dec 16 th	Becca Larson
Dec 18 th	Bob Larson
Dec 20 th	Colleen Melland
Dec 22 nd	Bill Albert
Dec 27 th	Rick Hannemann
Dec 30 th	Dony Antholt
Dec 31 st	William Markham

Attendance last week: 38

Wedding Anniversaries in December

Dec 3 rd	MarJean & Jerry Gutschow
Dec 18 th	Dianne & Merle Eskildsen